

North Kent Lotus Group



Dear Enthusiast

The AGM was held during last month's meeting and a full report should follow when it becomes available. In the meantime Trudi has asked me to provide the following info:

Following the AGM, it has been agreed by members that as membership secretary I will be looking after the membership payments. Please can you contact me by email or telephone to clarify if you would like your membership renewed for this year and regarding the collection of membership payments (£5 membership, £6.50 Newsletter), which can be via post, bank transfer or collection on club nights. Please make cheques payable to J. Underhay.

Regards

Trudi Cook
Membership Secretary

Trudi has also provided contact details for the planning group. I've updated the contact list in a separate panel - so please update your contact list.

As was reported in an earlier newsletter, Howard has now stood down as coordinator and Roger Day has taken up the challenge. So well done to him and big thanks to Howard for all his hard work since the group was formed back in the nineties. He can probably relax now and enjoy the club without the pressure. John U is continuing as treasurer and John P and Jon and Michelle are going to look after the coordination and/ or organising of events etc.

When the newsletter was discussed at the meeting, I announced my decision to make 2015 my final year of producing it. Certainly for the time being, anyway. I'm sure that somebody will take up production or perhaps more use will be made of the website and messaging system. If anybody is keen to help please speak to Roger.

With the change of the clocks thoughts turn to up and coming events and I'm happy to announce that Andrew and Debbie Komosa have invited NKLG to an afternoon of fun on their car simulator which has been set up in purpose built accommodation. I don't know the full details but I do know that Andrew has installed a full race-car experience based on a 60's Europa with many circuits available to try. The invitation has been open for quite a long while now so it's great that we've finally fixed the date which is Sunday 26th April starting at 2pm. A cream tea will be organised for the afternoon.

Andrew and Debbie have suggested that it be designated a "practice session" as they'd like to invite us back later in the year to challenge the Sussex group. So scrub up your driving shoes!



And Chrissie is now the second member of the newly formed NK-MGG (number of members stands at two!) Yes, Chrissie has purchased an MG3 in lovely Marmalade with a black stripe - I suppose I should get an orange stripe now!

Please see the panel for A&D's address details - but we'll probably organise a meeting point on route so that we can all arrive in convoy (their address is not the easiest place to find!) - keep an eye out for any email messages or see John U on club night.

Jon & Michelle have put together a couple of runs coming up in May and June, the first one being the Spring Run to the Battle of Britain Memorial which will include a coffee stop and lunch. J&M always seem to find some empty roads so well worth making a note in your diary. See the panel for full details and also details of a trip to Dungeness in June.

Roger and Chrissie have now fixed their plans for the Circuit-des-Remparts event in Angouleme in France (18-20 September) and if anybody is thinking of joining them please see them for further details - they have full booking details and have also sent out some info via email.

ROLLING EVENTS DIARY

April			
8	Club Night	The Plough	
26	Race Simulator	Andrew and Debbie's	John U
May			
2	Magnificent Motors	Eastbourne	John P
3	Spring Run	Battle of Britain Memorial	Jon & Michelle Meeting at The Moat, Wrotham, TN15 7RR
13	Club Night	The Plough	
24-25	Motorsport @The Palace	Crystal Palace	John P
25	Edenbridge Parade	Edenbridge	Richard C
June			
7	Coffee in the Courtyard	Howard E's	Howard E
10	Club Night	The Plough	
26	Power Run	Dungeness	Jon & Michelle

As the AGM took up a fair chunk on club night there wasn't much to report from the evening - though Howard E was telling me of his more than four hours long "Speed Awareness" brainwashing session he'd endured that morning. It must have worked on him as he finished our chat commenting that we hadn't done any track-days for a long while!

Whilst I was doing a quick Google search for further info on the car, I found this picture of an S1 Elise. It looks like it's been put together by a heating and ventilation engineer. How awful.

Club night is next week on the 8th so I'll see you there.

According to the motoring press, Lotus have announced a "3-Eleven" to be based on the V6 Exige. Like the 2-Eleven it's a track-day car and will be pretty potent! 420hp 180mph and only 311 barely road legal examples to be built.

John



SPRING RUN

The Spring Run is to be held on Sunday 3rd May - Meeting at The Moat, Wrotham, TN15 7RR, 9.00 for 9.30 start. We will be driving to the Battle of Britain Memorial in Capel Le Ferne to take a look at the memorial and the new visitors centre. Entry to the centre is free. Please take a look at the website: www.battleofbritainmemorial.org. As usual we will be stopping for coffee and lunch.

POWER RUN

The Power Run has been provisionally booked for Friday 26th June pending interest - Meeting at The Moat 9.00 for 9.30 start. We will be driving down to Dungeness where we will be given a tour of the nuclear power station. The tour is free of charge and will last approximately 1 1/2 hours. The tour includes the reactor viewing gallery, the turbine hall and the cooling water intake. For security reasons all visitors will be subject to some security clearance processes. They will need your name, address and date of birth by 25th May and you will also be required to bring photographic ID with you, preferably your passport, to complete the arrangements prior to going on the tour. Again, we will be stopping for coffee and lunch.

LEEDS CASTLE CLASSIC CONCERT

Saturday 11th July

PLEASE CONTACT JON OR MICHELLE FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF THE ABOVE EVENTS.

EUROPA AND SCONES

26th April 2pm

